

Schedule of International Meetings and Events, 2013-2015

October 1, 2013

Dates	Location	Activity* (A key to Acronyms is included at the end of the table.)
2013		
SEPT 30- OCT 4	Madrid, Spain	Meeting of the ICCAT Standing Committee on Research and Statistics
SEPT 30- OCT 4	New York, NY	1 st Round of Informal Consultations on the Draft Resolutions Under Agenda Item "Oceans and the Law of the Sea"—Oceans and the Law of the Sea (Sixty-Eighth Session, 2013)
OCT 7-11	St. Petersburg, Russia	7 th Session of the COFI Subcommittee on Aquaculture
OCT 7-18	Hobart, Australia	Meeting of the CCAMLR Working Group on Fish Stock Assessment
OCT 11-20	Nanaimo, BC, Canada	PICES Annual Meeting: Communicating Forecasts, Uncertainty and Consequences of Ecosystem Change
OCT 12-14	Reykjavik, Iceland	First Arctic Circle: An Open Assembly
OCT 14-15	Del Mar, CA	85 th Meeting of the IATTC (Extraordinary)
OCT 14-17	Adelaide, Australia	20 th Annual Meeting of the CCSBT
OCT 14-17	Belize City, Belize	28 th General Meeting of the International Coral Reef Initiative
OCT 14-18	Montreal, Quebec, Canada	CBD SBSTTA 17
OCT 15-18	St. Andrews, New Brunswick, Canada	Joint ICES-NAFO Symposium – "Gadoid Fisheries: The Ecology and Management of Rebuilding"
OCT 16-18	St. Andrews, New Brunswick, Canada	NAFO Scientific Council WG on Reproductive Potential
OCT 17-18	Del Mar, CA	28 th Meeting of the Parties to the AIDCP
OCT 21-23	Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Canada	Arctic Council Informal and Formal SAO Meeting
OCT 21-25	Hobart, Australia	32 nd Meeting of the CCAMLR Scientific Committee
OCT 21-25	Marseille, France	3 rd International Marine Protected Area Congress
OCT 21-27	La Jolla, CA	1 st Meeting of the SPRFMO Scientific Committee
OCT 22-24	Ketchikan, AK	PSC Fall Meeting
OCT 23- NOV 1	Hobart, Australia	32 nd Meeting of CCAMLR

OCT 28-31	Tromsø, Norway	2 nd Arctic Fisheries Science Workshop
NOV 3	Corpus Christi, TX	6 th Session of the WECAFC Scientific Advisory Group
NOV 11-15	London, UK	NEAFC 32 nd Annual Meeting
NOV 12-14	Virtual Meeting	21 st Annual Meeting of the NPAFC
NOV 12-19	New York, NY	Informal Consultations on the Draft Resolutions Under Agenda Item "Oceans and the Law of the Sea"--Sustainable Fisheries (Sixty-Eighth Session, 2013)
NOV 18-25	Cape Town, South Africa	23 rd Regular Meeting of ICCAT
NOV 19-30	Busan, Korea	SEAFO 8 th Scientific Committee Meeting
NOV 20-26	New York, NY	2 nd Round of Informal Consultations on the Draft Resolutions Under Agenda Item "Oceans and the Law of the Sea"—Oceans and the Law of the Sea (Sixty-Eighth Session, 2013)
NOV 21-29	Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada	NAFO Scientific Council Working Group on Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management
NOV 26-29	Barcelona, Spain	IBER Endorsed Project ADEPT Symposium on Integrating New Advances in Mediterranean Oceanography and Marine Biology
NOV 27-30	St. Julians, Malta	GFCM – 1 st Regional Symposium on Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the Mediterranean and Black Sea
NOV 28-29	Seattle, WA	IPHC Interim Meeting
NOV 28-29	Cairns, Australia	WCPFC Management Objectives Workshop 2
NOV 28-30	Busan, Korea	SEAFO Extra Ordinary Compliance Committee Meeting
DEC 2-4	Buenos Aires, Argentina	13 th Session of the Commission for Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture of Latin America and the Caribbean (COPESCAALC)
DEC 2-6	Suva, Fiji	9 th Pacific Islands Conference on Nature Conservation and Protected Areas
DEC 2-6	Cairns, Australia	10 th Regular Session of the WCPFC
DEC 3-7	Busan, Korea	SEAFO 9 th Annual Meeting
DEC 3-7	Bali, Indonesia	9 th Session of the WTO Ministerial Conference
DEC 4-6	Swakopmund, Namibia	SEAFO Extra Ordinary Compliance Committee Meeting
DEC 9-13	Copenhagen, Denmark	ICCAT-ICES Training course on Management Strategy Evaluation
DEC 9-13	Swakopmund, Namibia	10 th Annual Meeting of SEAFO
2014		
JAN 13-17	Portland, OR	PSC Post-Season Meeting
JAN 21-24	Seattle, WA	90 th Annual Meeting of the IPHC
JAN 24-28	Copenhagen, Denmark	Meeting of the ICES/NAFO Joint Working Group on Deep-water Ecology
JAN 27-31	Manta, Ecuador	2 nd Meeting of SPRFMO

FEB 3-7	Rome, Italy	First Resumed Session of the Technical Consultation on International Guidelines on Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries
FEB 10-14	Vancouver, BC, Canada	PSC 29 th Annual Meeting
FEB 17-21	San Jose, Costa Rica	The Fourth Global Fisheries Enforcement Training Workshop
FEB 23-24	Honolulu, HI	Bering Sea Open Science Meeting (co-sponsored by PICES, NOAA, NPRB, and NSF)
FEB 23-28	Honolulu, HI	17 th Biennial Ocean Sciences Meeting (co-sponsored by ASLO, TOS, and the AGU)
FEB 24-26	San Francisco, CA	World Ocean Summit 2014
FEB 24-28	Bergen, Norway	14 th Session of the FAO COFI Subcommittee on Fish Trade
MARCH 3-7	Helsinki, Finland	Arctic Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs)
MARCH 6-7	Anchorage, AK	IWC Workshop on Impacts of Increased Marine Activities on Cetaceans in the Arctic
MARCH TBD	Rome, Italy (FAO Headquarters)	ICES Symposium on "Making the Most of Fisheries Dependent Data: Science, Management, and Policy-making with the Active Participation of Stakeholders"
APRIL 23-25	La Jolla, CA	International Fisheries Commissions Pension Society Annual Meeting
APRIL 28-MAY 1	Veracruz, Mexico	27th meeting of the CITES Animals Committee
MAY 2 - 3		Joint sessions of the 27th meeting of the CITES Animals Committee and the 21st meeting of CITES Plants Committee
MAY 12-16	Portland, OR	22 nd Annual Meeting of the NPAFC
MAY 12-24	Bled, Slovenia	66 th Meeting of the IWC Scientific Committee
MAY 13-16	Anchorage, AK	29th Lowell Wakefield Fisheries Symposium: Fisheries Bycatch: Global Issues and Creative Solutions (sponsored by Alaska Sea Grant and the University of Alaska)
MAY 19-23	Rome, Italy	GFCM - 38th Session of the Commission
MAY 30-JUNE 12	Nova Scotia, Canada	Meetings of the NAFO Scientific Council and its Standing Committees
JUNE 2-6	Helsinki, Finland	Symposium 2014: Ecological Basis of Risk Analysis for Marine Ecosystems (ICES, PICES)
JUNE 3-6	France TBD	31 st Annual Meeting of NASCO
JUNE 9-13	Rome, Italy	31st Session of the FAO COFI
JUNE 16-19	Tromsø, Norway	ICES Symposium on "Effects of fishing on benthic fauna and habitat: Change in ecosystem composition and functioning in response to fishing intensity, gear type and discard"
JUNE 16-20 (T)	Montreal, Canada	5 th Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the CBD

JUNE 23-24	Bergen, Norway	PICES/IMBER Session: The impacts of ecosystem responses to multiple stressors and climate variability: how will human societies respond and adapt?
JUNE 23-27 (T)	Montreal, Canada	CBD SBSTTA 18
JUNE 26-27	Bergen, Norway	2014 Annual Conference of the University of Virginia Center for Oceans Law and Policy
JULY 7-11	Geneva, Switzerland	65th meeting of the CITES Standing Committee
AUG 14-19	Glasgow, Scotland	International Marine Conservation Congress 3
SEPT 8-19 (8 days in this period, TBD)	Portoroz, Slovenia	65 th Meeting of the IWC
SEPT 16-29	New York, NY	69 th Session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA 69)
SEPT 22-26	TBD	NAFO 36 th Annual Meeting
OCT 6-17	PyeongChang, Republic of Korea	CBD COP 12
OCT 20-24	Mallorca, Balearic Islands Spain	5 th International Otolith Symposium 2014
NOV 13-21	Barcelona, Spain	UNESCO 2nd International Ocean Research Conference: One Planet, One Ocean.
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JAN 1 (T)	Punta del Este, Uruguay	Ramsar COP 12
MAR 23-27	Santos City, Brazil	3 rd PICES/ICES/IOC Symposium on "Effects of Climate Change on the World's Oceans"
JUNE (TBD)	TBD	67 th Annual Meeting of the IWC Scientific Committee
AUG 31 – SEPT 4	Geneva, Switzerland	66th meeting of the CITES Standing Committee

* The Office of International Affairs, National Marine Fisheries Service, has compiled this schedule to inform the public of living marine resource-related international meetings or events that are of interest to the United States Government. The schedule does not constitute a travel schedule for the National Marine Fisheries Service.

List of Acronyms

ACAP	Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels
ACFM	Advisory Committee on Fisheries Management (ICES)

ACFR	Advisory Committee on Fisheries Research (ICES)
AEWC	Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission
AFS	American Fisheries Society
AGU	American Geophysical Union
AIDCP	Agreement on the International Dolphin Conservation Program
AIFRB	American Institute of Fishery Research Biologists
AMAP	Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Program (Arctic Council)
APEC	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
APFIC	Asia-Pacific Fishery Commission
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
ASLO	American Society of Limnology and Oceanography
ATCM	Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting
BASIS	Bering-Aleutian Salmon International Survey Plan
BFT	Bluefin Tuna
CAFF	Program for the Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna (Arctic Council)
CAFTA-DR	Dominican Republic–Central America Free Trade Agreement
CBD	Convention on Biological Diversity
CCAMLR	Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources
CCSBT	Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna
CEC	North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation
CECAF	Fishery Committee for the Eastern Central Atlantic
CEP	Committee on Environmental Protection (CCAMLR)
CIFAA	Committee for Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture of Africa
CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna
CMS	Convention on Migratory Species
CLIOTOP	Climate Impacts on Oceanic Top Predators (GLOBEC)
COFI	Committee on Fisheries (FAO) and (OECD)
COMAAR	Coordinated Observation of the Arctic for Assessment and Research
COML	Census of Marine Life
COP	Conference of the Parties
CRTF	Coral Reef Task Force
CSD	Commission on Sustainable Development
CSIRO	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (Australia)
CTE	Committee on Trade and Environment
EBSAs	Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas
ECOSOC	Economic and Social Council (UN)
EECM	Enforcement Evaluation and Coordination Group Meeting (NPAFC)
EMM	Ecosystem Monitoring and Management (CCAMLR)
EPPR	Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response Working Group (Arctic Council)
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
FFC	Forum Fisheries Committee (Forum Fisheries Agency)
FIRMS	Fisheries Resource Monitoring System
FSA	Fish Stock Assessment (CCAMLR)
GAC	General Advisory Committee (IATTC)
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade

GCFI	Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute
GEF	Global Environment Facility
GeoHAB	Marine Geological and Biological Habitat Mapping
GFCM	General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean
GLOBEC	Global Ecosystem Dynamics
IAC	Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles
IATTC	Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission
IBSFC	International Baltic Sea Fisheries Commission
ICC	Intergovernmental Consultative Committee (US-Russia)
ICCAT	International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas
ICES	International Council for the Exploration of the Sea
ICRI	International Coral Reef Initiative
IIFET	International Institute of Fisheries Economics and Trade
IMBER	Integrated Marine Biochemistry and Ecosystem Research
IMO	International Maritime Organization
IOC	Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
IOSEA	Indian Ocean South East Asian (MOU for sea turtles)
IOTC	Indian Ocean Tuna Commission
IPHC	International Pacific Halibut Commission
IPY	International Polar Year
IRP	International Review Panel (AIDCP)
ISC	International Scientific Committee for Tuna and Tuna-like Species in the North Pacific Ocean
IUCN	World Conservation Union
IUU	Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported Fishing
IWC	International Whaling Commission
KORDI	Korean Ocean Research and Development Institute
LOS	Law of the Sea (Convention)
MCS	Monitoring, Control, and Surveillance
MPA	Marine Protected Area
MOP	Meeting of the Parties
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
NAAEC	North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation
NAFO	Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization
NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement
NASCO	North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization
NEAFC	North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission
NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NPAFC	North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission
NPFC	North Pacific Fishery Commission
NPRB	North Pacific Research Board
NSF	National Science Foundation
OECD	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

OSPESCA	An intergovernmental organization comprised by the fisheries and aquaculture authorities of Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama, the countries which constitute the Central American Isthmus
PAME	Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment (Arctic Council)
PICES	North Pacific Marine Science Organization
PREPCOM	Preparatory Committee
PSC	Pacific Salmon Commission
PWG	Permanent Working Group (ICCAT)
RAMSAR	RAMSAR Convention on Wetlands
RFMO	Regional Fishery Management Organization
RPCM	Research Planning and Coordinating Meeting (NPAFC)
SBSTTA	Subsidiary Body for Scientific, Technical, and Technological Advice (Convention on Biological Diversity)
SCAR	Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research
SCIC	Standing Committee on Implementation and Compliance
SCOR	Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research (IOC)
SCPA	Standing Committee on the Precautionary Approach (NASCO)
SCRS	Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (ICCAT)
SEAFDEC	Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center
SEAFO	Southeast Atlantic Fisheries Organization
SPAW	Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife in the Wider Caribbean (Cartegena Convention)
SPC	Secretariat of the Pacific Community
SPREP	Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme
SPRFMO	South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organization
SPTT	South Pacific Tuna Treaty
STACFAD	Standing Committee on Finance and Administration (NAFO)
STACTIC	Standing Committee on International Control (NAFO)
SWIOFC	Southwest Indian Ocean Fisheries Commission
T	Tentative
TBD	To Be Determined
TED	Turtle Excluder Device
TOS	The Oceanography Society
TPP	Trans-Pacific Partnership
UNCED	United Nations Conference on Environment and Development
UNCSD	United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development
UNEP	United Nations Environment Program
UNFSA	United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement (for straddling and highly migratory stocks)
UNGA	United Nations General Assembly
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization
UNICPOLIS	United Nations Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and Law of the Sea
UNLOS	United Nations Law of the Sea
VME	Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems
WCPFC	Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission
WDFG	Washington Department of Fish and Game

WECAFC	Western Central Atlantic Fishery Commission
WSSD	World Summit on Sustainable Development (United Nations)
WTO	World Trade Organization